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Councillors feel the split

CITY HALL

Some say they are not privy to the same info as their peers

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City council was divided during its monthly meeting this week — largely over the question of whether or not it has an inherent divide.

Increasingly, councillors who are not members of the executive policy committee (EPC) have been voicing frustration over their lack of access to information when compared to members of the mayor's inner circle.

On Wednesday, two motions that would change what council as a whole can access — one for EPC exclusive briefings, the other for senior staff — were introduced and then, after some debate, defeated by a majority vote.

Coun. Janice Lukes' motion, the source of the most consternation, would have required senior officials to comply with councillor requests for face time to gain information about reports in advance of meetings.

She said she was pursuing access EPC members already have, adding it's "extremely disappointing" that she and others "are being denied access to the directors."

Seven of her council colleagues agreed with their votes, but eight, including the mayor and five voting EPC members, did not.

The same was true of Coun. Shawn Dobson's motion, which would have called for CAO Doug McNeil to ensure "all members of council are included in any briefings provided to EPC," but was defeated.

Mayor Brian Bowman dismissed any notion of a divide between EPC and non-EPC councillors by pointing to openness and transparency initiatives in city hall like live-streaming EPC meetings.

Singing in sign

This folk musician says music doesn't have to be heard

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ASL interpreter Brittany Toews, left, and musician Raine Hamilton. CONTRIBUTED

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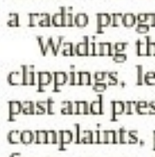
'The opposite of shame'

MARRIAGE

Gay couple continues 43-year battle for recognition



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
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Richard North, left, and Chris Vogel were married in Manitoba in 1974 and have been fighting since to have their union retroactively recognized. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/METRO

As Chris Vogel and Richard North wade through mounds and mounds of paperwork relating to their marriage, North often quivers with frustration.

"Just relax, Rich," he tells himself. "I get very hyper."

North, 65, and Vogel, 70, have been fired up for more than four decades, pushing to have their marriage legally recognized by Manitoba and Canada.

The gay couple wed at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg on Feb. 11, 1974 with a proclamation of bands.

Then came the fight of their lives.

"We were busy for the next 20 or 30 years doing everything we could possibly think of," said Vogel of their attempts to get the marriage recognized. "Marches and demonstrations were huge. Writing letters, publishing pamphlets and distributing them … a television program, a radio program."

Wading through newspaper clippings, letters to premiers past and present, human rights complaints, photos and poetry from years gone by, it's clear the couple has put in the work.

Still, after same-sex marriage became legal in Manitoba in 2004 and in Canada in 2005, neither level of government would retroactively recognize their union.

Asked about their stances on retroactively recognizing the marriage this month, a provincial spokesperson said "only Parliament can retroactively change the definition of marriage as it existed prior to 1985."

A federal spokesperson avoided the question and didn't return a subsequent request for comment.

In a statement, Ian McLeod of the Department of Justice said the government "fully recognizes the historic challenges faced by the LGBTQ community, and the pioneering contributions that individuals like Chris Vogel and Richard North have made."

Vogel and North believe it's the province's responsibility to recognize their marriage and think an email from the premier to Vital Statistics could do the trick.

It's unclear how retroactively recognizing Vogel and North's marriage could do any harm, a question both government spokespeople shirked.

The couple's next step is following up on their complaint with the Manitoba Human Rights Commission, which takes the province to task for inaction in their case.

With a federal apology to LGBTQ people due this year, it's possible retroactive recognition of same-sex marriages could be in the cards for Canada — though Prime Minister Trudeau's LGBTQ advisor Randy Boissonnault declined to comment.

In the meantime, Vogel and North's marriage certificate remains on display at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights — a tribute to the first same-sex marriage to happen in Manitoba and a human rights battle that's still brewing.

What's your favourite Pride moment?

Vogel: "I would say mine wasn't especially a Pride, it was the (first gay liberation) march in 1974 with people from all over the country and there were guys in radical drag, men, women, all kinds of things. We walked down Portage Ave. and it was exactly like a Pride march except it was a march over the September long weekend to do with this National Gay Conference. That, to me, was the one I remember the most."

Why was Pride important 30 years ago?

North: "It's no coincidence that 30 years ago the first big Pride event in Winnipeg happened after there was (gay and lesbian) human rights protection (legislated by the province). Homosexuals can often pass in a way that if you're a member of a racial minority, you can't. And that's what people did. They were in the closet. When you aren't afraid of losing your job, it's a lot easier to come out of the closet.

Having skeletons in the closet implies something shameful and homosexuality was the love that dare not speak its name."

Why is Pride important now?

North: "For me, Pride is about accepting yourself for who you are and just trying to be the best person that you can be, given your nature … Pride is the opposite of shame."

TRAFFIC

Councillor wants stop to holiday ticketing

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Speed enforcement in school zones when school's out is a "cash grab," according to one city councillor.

At Wednesday's council meeting, Coun. Shawn Dobson introduced a motion to amend the city's reduced speed school zone bylaw by adding "with the exception of holidays" to the existing Monday to Friday 30 km/h restriction. Dobson said he passed a speed trap in a school zone on Victoria Day, which didn't sit right with him since the bylaw ties the speed limit to school hours.

"Everyone knows it's a holiday and there is no school. And yet, here is someone taking pictures, and those unlucky enough will be getting a ticket in the mail," Dobson said. To him, the entire purpose of reducing speed near schools is "to protect the children" going to and from school.

"It doesn't apply during the summer, it never has, they're not going to school" he said, adding drivers could logically assume that exemption extends to holidays. "They're also not going to school during spring break, Victoria Day, all these school holidays — so how can we ticket?"

A contrasting opinion held by some around the city and shared amongst certain traffic management experts is that lower speed limits protect pedestrians full stop, so shouldn't be bound to just school zones or school hours.

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ARTS AND CULTURE

Folk singer's concert will feature sign language

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Raine Hamilton believes music doesn't have to be heard to be felt.

That's why she's bringing American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters to her Friday concert at the West End Cultural Centre, so the deaf community can also enjoy her songs.

"What I want is for anyone who wants that connection with art in their life, I want that to be available for them," Hamilton said. "Because art is for everybody who wants it."

The Winnipeg-based folk singer made a music video last year featuring ASL interpretation, after which she met more deaf people and picked up some sign language, too. She learned how to introduce some of her songs and how to thank the audience ahead of Friday's show, which will feature two interpreters, Brittany Toews and Leanne Muldrew.

"I'm really moved by (the ASL interpretation) because I'm seeing my songs — these things that are so close to my heart — be embodied and expressed in a different way. And artistically, it's also so cool," Hamilton said.

Each song could look different depending on the individual interpreter's take, as ASL has its own syntax, imagery and body movements to consider.

Toews, who's interpreted musical performances before, said she learns the songs ahead of time. She tries to match the lyrics' poetic devices, cultural references and historical nods with ASL equivalents.

Toews said she appreciates Hamilton making her show more accessible and hopes more artists follow suit.

"I know that we have a large population of people who are interested or want that accessibility. And I just really believe that a deaf person should be able to go to any event that they are interested in going to and not have to spend their time fighting to have equal access to the artist," Toews said.

Friday's concert will be Hamilton's last major show at home until probably next year, she said. She's heading on a cross-country tour starting June 1 and plans to have a second album out by Spring 2018.

DETAILS

Tickets are available at the West End Cultural Centre and Ticketfly: $15 in advance, $20 at the door. The show starts at 8 p.m. Friday. Hamilton is also giving away complimentary tickets to members of the deaf community, thanks to sponsors ECCOE and New Directions. Email raine@rainehamilton.com.

Raine Hamilton is performing at the West End Cultural Centre on Friday alongside ASL interpreters. CONTRIBUTED

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One of the coolest summers forecast

WEATHER

Meteorologist says to expect typical daytime showers

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Warm summer days are going to be fewer and further between this year. LYLE STAFFORD/FOR METRO

Manitoba has drawn a "short straw" this year with one of the coolest summer weather outlooks in the Canadian forecast, according to The Weather Network.

Meteorologist Michael Carter said the province's temperatures are expected to be below normal, though precipitation levels look staid. "It does look like Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario have really drawn the short straw this year in terms of the summer forecast, especially for folks who do like the warm temperatures," he said.

Winnipeg's long-term average daytime high is 23 C in June, 26 C in July and 25.5 C in August, according to The Weather Network.

Carter said to expect temperatures to average below those typical numbers, but that doesn't mean Manitobans need to pull out the parkas just yet. "We're not looking at fall or winter-like temperatures by any stretch of the imagination, but just a bit cooler on average," he said.

As for summertime showers, Carter predicted "typical amounts of daytime showers and thunderstorms, with occasional heavy downpours."

He said June is often Winnipeg's rainiest month with a long-term average of 90 mm of precipitation. July boasts about 80 mm on average, while August drops down to 77 mm.

Carter's main takeaway for Manitobans was to milk the warm summer days for all their worth.

"When you see those warm days popping up in the forecast, make sure you get out and take advantage of them," he said. "Enjoy them to the fullest because they are going to be a bit fewer and further between this year."

Winnipeg DIGEST

Man charged after woman stabbed

A man has been charged with attempted murder and car theft after a 20-year-old woman was stabbed and a passerby who tried to help the woman had his vehicle stolen by the suspect.

The woman was taken to hospital in critical condition, but has since been upgraded to stable.

The accused was arrested on Highway 10 near the U.S. border.

Junior Sesay, who is 21, is facing several charges.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woman accused of abducting kids gets bail

A judge has granted bail to a Winnipeg woman accused of abducting her own children.

Sandra Giesbrecht, who is 44, was arrested last June after she was found by police with her 11-year-old daughter and nine-year-old son.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police investigating downtown stabbing death

Police are seeking the public's help investigating a stabbing death in downtown Winnipeg.

A 22-year-old man died in hospital Tuesday after succumbing to "what appeared to be an upper-body stab wound," according to a release. Emergency crews found the man outside an apartment in the 300 block of Kennedy Street.

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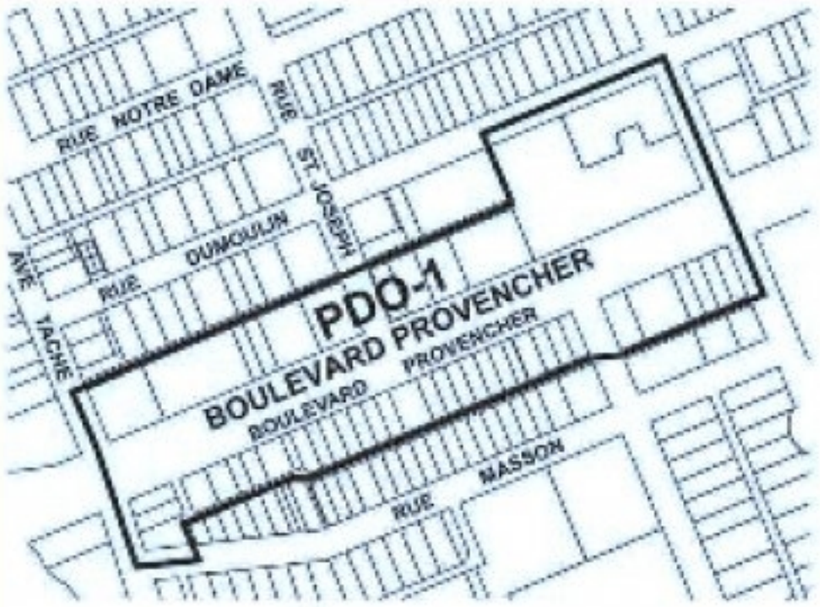
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

RIEL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 Time: 5:00 P.M. Location: Council Building, 510 Main Street

RIEL COMITÉ MUNICIPAL AUDIENCE PUBLIQUE

Date: Le lundi 12 juin 2017 Heure: 17 heures Lieu: Immeuble du Conseil, 510 rue Main



RIEL COMMUNITY

APPLICANT: CITY OF WINNIPEG
FILE: DAZ 201/17
PROPOSAL: To amend the Boulevard Provencher Planned Development Overlay 1 (PDO-1 Boulevard Provencher), Schedule "E" to the Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006, as follows:

1. Amend the design review process for development in the PDO-1 Boulevard Provencher;
2. Increase the maximum building height on the south side of Boulevard Provencher; and,
3. Amend the permitted use restrictions.

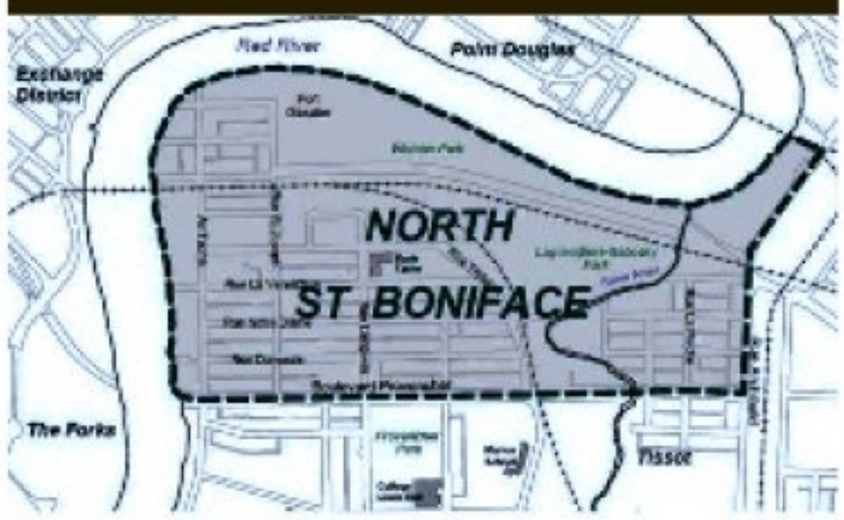
Related material can be found on the project website (www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/NorthStBoniface). **For information, phone Mr. R. Mahé, Planner at 204-986-8631.**

DEMANDEUR: VILLE DE WINNIPEG
Nº DE DOSSIER: DAZ 201/17
PROJET: Demande de modification de l'annexe E, développement organisé 1 du secteur du boulevard Provencher (DO 1 du secteur du boulevard Provencher) du *Zoning By-law No. 200/2006* (règlement municipal sur le zonage) visant à permettre ce qui suit:

1. La modification du processus de révision de la conception du DO 1 du secteur du boulevard Provencher;
2. L'augmentation de la hauteur de bâtiment maximale autorisée du côté sud du boulevard Provencher;
3. La modification des restrictions liées aux usages permis.

Des documents connexes sont accessibles sur le site Web du projet, à www.winnipeg.ca/francais/ppd/NorthStBoniface.
Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec M. R. Mahé, urbaniste, au 204-986-8631.

North St. Boniface Secondary Plan/ Plan secondaire du nord de Saint-Boniface SP 1/2017



RIEL COMMUNITY

Council has given first reading to the North St. Boniface Secondary Plan By-law No. 30/2017 and authorized a Public Hearing (pursuant to Section 234(3) of the City of Winnipeg Charter) to be held by the Riel Community Committee.

The proposed Secondary Plan By-law identifies land use and development policies that respond to current conditions in the North St. Boniface neighbourhood. Once adopted, the proposed Secondary Plan By-law will replace the existing North St. Boniface Secondary Plan By-law (No. 965/1975)

Related material can be found on the project website (www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/NorthStBoniface). **For information, phone Mr. James Platt, Planner at 204-986-6918.**

Le Conseil a adopté en première lecture le projet de règlement sur le plan secondaire du nord de Saint-Boniface nº 30/2017 et autorise la tenue d'une audience publique (en conformité avec le paragraphe 234(3) de la *Charte de la ville de Winnipeg*) par le Comité municipal de Riel.

Le projet de règlement municipal sur le plan secondaire définit les politiques sur l'aménagement et l'utilisation des sols dans le quartier de Saint-Boniface–Nord. Une fois adopté, ce projet de règlement remplacera le *Règlement municipal sur le Plan secondaire du nord de Saint-Boniface* existant (nº 965/1975).

Des documents connexes sont accessibles sur le site Web du projet, à www.winnipeg.ca/francais/ppd/NorthStBoniface.

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec M. James Platt, urbaniste, au 204-986-6918.

RIEL COMMUNITY

APPLICANT: MERAKI HOMES INC.
FILE: DASZ 9/17
PROPOSAL: An application for the approval of the paln of subdivision shown outlined above as may be determined by Council and for a proposed zoning change to By-law No. 200/2006 by rezoning the land shown outlined above from an "R1-E" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY (ESTATE) DISTRICT to an "R1-M" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY (MEDIUM) DISTRICT to allow the establishment of two lots to facilitate the construction of a single-family dwelling on each lot. **For information, phone Mr. R. Hayer, Planner at 204-986-7168.**

DEMANDEUR: MERAKI HOMES INC.
Nº DE DOSSIER: DALZ 9/17
PROJET: Demande d'approbation par le Conseil du plan de lotissement indiqué ci-dessus et proposition de modification du *Zoning By-law No. 200/2006* (règlement municipal sur le zonage) visant à modifier le zonage des sols délinéés ci-dessus de sorte qu'ils passent de la catégorie R1-E (secteur d'habitations unifamiliales domaniales) à la catégorie R1-M (secteur d'habitations unifamiliales moyennes) en vue de permettre l'aménagement de deux lots et de faciliter la construction d'une habitation unifamiliale sur chacun des lots. **Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec M. R. Hayer, urbaniste, au 204-986-7168.**

Under the authority of The City of Winnipeg Charter, the Community Committee listed below will conduct PUBLIC HEARINGS for the purpose of allowing interested persons to make submissions, ask questions or register objections in respect of the application(s) listed below. Information or documents concerning the applications and a description of the procedure to be followed at the public hearings are available for inspection at Unit 15 - 30 Fort Street or at the Community Committee offices located in the City Clerk's Department, Council Building, 510 Main Street between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, excluding holidays; or on-line at http://www.winnipeg.ca.

APPLICANT: NICK KHINDA
FILE: DASZ 3/17
PROPOSAL: An application for the approval of the plan of subdivision shown outlined above as may be determined by Council and for a proposed zoning change to By-law No. 200/2006 by rezoning the land shown outlined above from an "R1-E" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY (ESTATE) DISTRICT to an "R1-M" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY (MEDIUM) DISTRICT to allow for the maintenance of the existing single-family dwelling and the establishment of residential building lots. **For information, phone Mr. R. Hayer, Planner at 204-986-7168.**

DEMANDEUR: NICK KHINDA
N° DE DOSSIER: DALZ 3/17
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ECONOMY

Government unveils plan for innovation

The federal government is calling on industry leaders from select sectors to propose "superclusters" of technological innovation that promise to create jobs and spur economic growth.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains kickstarted the national competition Wednesday for $950 million in seed money that will help set up these hubs of investment and research.

The idea is to establish not-for-profit consortiums of small and big businesses, academic researchers and other groups that will serve as nodes of investment and innovation for key sectors of the Canadian economy. Details on where, when and what exactly these "superclusters" will look like will depend on proposals that the government receives, Bains said Wednesday.

"I would summarize it in three words: Jobs, jobs, jobs," Bains told Torstar News Service.

"We're in a global innovation race. This is about creating a high-value economy."

In a luncheon speech to the Economic Club of Canada, Bains said the near-billion dollars in federal money would create areas like Silicon Valley in the U.S., where many of the world's leading tech firms and online companies are based.

Canada's versions would focus on sectors where the country is positioned to compete globally, Bains said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PHILIPPINES

Daesh fighters besiege city

Daesh-linked militants swept through a southern Philippine city, beheading a police chief, burning buildings, seizing a Catholic priest and his worshippers and raising the black flag of Daesh, authorities said Wednesday. President Rodrigo Duterte, who had declared martial law across the southern third of the nation, warned he may expand it nationwide.

At least 21 people have died in the fighting, officials said.

As details of the attack in Marawi city emerged, fears mounted that the largest Roman Catholic nation in Asia could be falling into a growing list of countries grappling with the spread of influence from Daesh.

"We are in a state of emergency," Duterte said Wednesday after he cut short a trip to Moscow and flew back to Manila.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manchester City Council workers move the floral tributes from Albert Square to St Anns Square on Wednesday in Manchester, England. Greater Manchester Police are treating the explosion at an Ariana Grande concert as a terrorist attack. GETTY IMAGES

Taken too soon

MANCHESTER ATTACK

Victims of the terrorists were mothers, fathers, kids

The names of the 22 victims killed by a bomber at a Manchester concert on Monday night have not been officially released, but here what's known about them so far:

Michelle Kiss was a mother of three children, a loving wife, sister and daughter — and "family was her life," her loved ones say.

In a statement released to Manchester police, her family said: "She has been taken away from us and all that love her in the most traumatic way imaginable."

The Daily Mirror newspaper reported that Kiss attended Monday's concert with her daughter. Her daughter was reported to be safe and was photographed being hugged by a police officer.

An off-duty female police officer was among those killed at Manchester Arena in the bombing of the Ariana Grande concert.

Cheshire Police, the force she served with, confirmed her death on Wednesday but declined to provide further details. British media reported that she was with her husband and two children, and that all three others were injured in the bombing.

Teenager Nell Jones, who went to a school in the village of Holmes Chapel, south of Manchester, was described by a teacher as "a very popular girl, always smiling, always positive."

Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School and Sixth Form College said police had confirmed Nell died at the scene of the bombing Monday at the Ariana Grande concert in Manchester.

Head teacher Denis Oliver said in a statement Wednesday that the school community was devastated by the news.

Oliver also confirmed that another Year 9 student, Freya Lewis, was badly injured in the attack.

Teenager Olivia Campbell-Hardy, who went to a school near Manchester, was at the Ariana Grande concert in Manchester with a friend on Monday night.

Tottington High School in the town of Bury said the school community was "absolutely devastated and heartbroken" at the news Wednesday that Olivia was killed in the blast.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. on edge during ongoing raids

Security forces rounded up more suspects Wednesday in the deadly Manchester concert blast and soldiers fanned out across the country to national landmarks as an on-edge Britain tried to thwart the possibility of additional attacks.

Officials scoured the background of the British-born ethnic Libyan identified as the bomber, saying he was likely part of a wider terrorist network. Additional arrests were made both in Britain and in Libya in the bombing that killed 22 people and wounded scores more. Among those taken into custody in Libya were the suspected bomber's father and his younger brother, the latter of whom confessed to knowing "all the details" of the attack plot, authorities said.

Authorities raided British properties thought to be connected to Salman Abedi, the suspected bomber.

British Home Secretary Amber Rudd said Abedi "likely" did not act alone in the strike at the close of an Ariana Grande concert Monday night and that he had been known to security forces "up to a point." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A police officer stands on duty outside a home in Manchester on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON TRUDEAU'S PICK FOR THE LANGUAGE FILE

The government says the more arms-length process has been slowing things down. But there's little that's arm's length in the process described.

At this time last year, Madeleine Meilleur was a long-serving cabinet minister in the Liberal government of Kathleen Wynne. Over her 13 years at Queen's Park she held a number of portfolios under two premiers. Her initial time in the legislature coincided with the Ontario tenure of both of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's top aides Katie Telford and Gerald Butts.

When Meilleur left active politics last summer, she had her heart set on securing a Senate appointment. That was until it was made clear that Trudeau's more independent Senate was no place for a just-retired Liberal politician.

That is how she came to set her sights on the then-soon-to-be-vacant post of commissioner of official languages. She applied for it like anyone else. Before and during her years in politics, Meilleur had been a strong advocate for French-language rights. Earlier this month her name emerged as the prime minister's choice for the post. But that is not to say that the process that led to the decision was a blind one.

Meilleur says she had chats about her application with Telford and Butts along the way. And it was Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly — according to her spokesperson — who conducted the final interviews.

The official languages commissioner is one of eight agents of Parliament.

The auditor general is another, as is the chief electoral officer. They report to Parliament, not the prime minister.

The collective mission of these officers is to act as independent watchdogs in their designated areas of expertise.

The term "independent" is an operative word in their job definition, or at least it was until Meilleur's proposed nomination. That there is less than a degree of separation between Meilleur and Trudeau's Liberal government is not in question. That closeness is unique in the history of similar appointments.

Among the half dozen that served as languages commissioners since the post was created in 1970, only one, Victor Goldbloom, was ever active in electoral politics. The others hailed from academia, journalism or were career diplomats.

Goldbloom had served in the Quebec cabinet of Robert Bourassa. But the parallels with Meilleur stop there, for he left the National Assembly more than a decade prior to his federal appointment. In the interval, he had held a number of non-partisan positions. And while Goldbloom had been a provincial Liberal MNA, it was Tory prime minister Brian Mulroney who put his name forward.

The prime minister's support for Madeleine Meilleur fails non-partisan smell test, writes Hébert. THE CANADIAN PRESS

This is Trudeau's first proposed appointment of an agent of Parliament. There are more to come; more than half the positions are filled on an interim basis. In some instances, as in the case of the chief electoral officer, the length of the hiatus is unprecedented. Marc Mayrand left his post five months ago after having given six months' notice. The government says the quest for a more arms-length merit-based process has been slowing things down. But there is little that is arm's length in the process described by both Meilleur and Joly's office. Based on their accounts, the only feature that is more transparent than ever is the wall that should stand between government officials and the selection of independent parliamentary watchdogs.

The opposition parties have not signed off on the nomination. They have complained to the Speaker that the prime minister ignored his legal obligation to consult them prior to the announcement.

If and when Meilleur's name is put to a vote in the Commons, her appointment might only carry because the Liberals hold a majority. Under that scenario, things could get difficult in the Senate. Some independent senators may balk at vetting an appointment devoid of consensual support in the other house. It does not help that some of the associations that toil on the front of French-language rights have expressed concerns over the integrity of the process.

This comes at a time when the Liberal government has presented legislation that could clip the wings of the parliamentary budget officer. To say that there is widespread opposition suspicion that the Liberals, like their predecessors, like watchdogs best when they are on a leash is an understatement.

In the last election campaign, Trudeau accused Stephen Harper of having turned Parliament Hill into "a partisan swamp." He said he would clean it up. It is hard to reconcile that promise with an appointment that fails the non-partisan smell test.

Kid President Trump field tripping with glee

Vicky Mochama
Metro

The Donald is travelling the world. So far, the trip has proved that Trump may not be the youngest president but he certainly is it most childish.

It has been a successful trip insofar as he hasn't yet tickled the bottom of a major world leader or tried to rename the Vatican to Trump Church.

Joining hands with his mentors in despotism, Egyptian President el-Sissi and Saudi Arabia's King Salman, President Trump launched the Global Center for Combating Extremist Ideology. The Internet exploded with jokes based on three men standing in a dark room with their hands on a glowing ball. It's what the Internet was invented for.

Here's the thing though: It looks cool. It looks exactly like what any self-respecting child would imagine the presidency to be like.

After Saudi Arabia, the President's tour took him to Israel where, in a truly presidential manner, he managed not to casually reignite a catastrophic war between Israel and Palestine.

He took some pictures at the Western Wall and wrote in the guestbook at the Holocaust memorial. His message of hope: "IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF MY FRIENDS - SO AMAZING & WILL NEVER FORGET!"

Truly, he's going to have so much to talk about with all his friends when everyone gets back from summer camp.

Donald Trump, Kid President, is having a whammo-blammo time.

Take, for example, his trip to the Vatican: the photos show him grinning from ear to ear while Melania, Ivanka and the Pope stare deadpan ahead.

He must be ecstatic because the Vatican buildings are slightly less bedecked in gold than Trump Tower. Already he's winning.

Still, it wouldn't be a visit to church for the Kid President without being assigned some homework from Pope Franacis.

The pontiff gave Trump a copy of his encyclical on climate change as well as his 2017 World Day of Peace message entitled: Nonviolence - A Style of Politics for Peace. At their level of power and influence, this is the equivalent of being given, "When You Give A Mouse a Cookie."

Now that he's visited the homes of three major faiths – Saudi Arabia for Islam, Israel for Judaism, and the Vatican for Catholicism – his itinerary takes him to two more centres of faith: Belgium for Bread and Italy for Pasta.

Carbs may not be a religious faith for all, but they certainly are for me.

For his first major foreign trip, it's been a whirlwind. Nine straight days without at least two visits to Mar-A-Lago.

Poor Kid President. He must be exhausted.

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> **Our collective existence — the solid core of my world, my family — is due to my mom's fortitude.**
>
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Left: Vicky and her mother Agnes visit the apartment where the family lived together after moving to Canada from Kenya. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO **Top:** Mother and daughter reunited at the airport in 1994 after a year apart. CONTRIBUTED

How I feel close to home?

I keep Kenya in my heart by keeping it on my feet. Every summer, I put on a new pair of beaded sandals that someone transports from Kenya. I transport myself around the city I'm in now with shoes from where my past lies.

Origin Stories: Becoming an ordinary family in extraordinary days

I was five years old when I touched down at Toronto's Pearson airport in November 1994. The plan: Experience Canada for a bit, then go back to Kenya.

We've been here for 23 years.

Our story is extraordinary in its ordinariness. In the apartment buildings where we spent our early years, there were hundreds more families exactly like us, before and after our tenure.

The promise of education and prosperity kept my family here. For others the choices weren't as ambitious; home was less a place to return to and more of a hope to find.

Our extended stay started when my dad was awarded a scholarship to study in Canada for the second time. He'd come once before, alone, to the University of Manitoba. But on this journey, my mom accompanied him and then my three siblings and I followed one year later.

Not that I knew any of that at the time. Kids are an oblivious bunch. All I knew was it was very cold, but in exchange, I got a fabulous bright pink jacket. So, how bad could it be?

Winter was hard, but keeping food on the table was harder. The scholarship provided just enough to cover rent.

"There was no support for families," says my dad. "You were on your own."

Nearly 90 per cent of the scholarship money went to a two-bedroom apartment in 30 Charles St., a concrete skyscraper just south of Bloor Street in downtown Toronto. Across the street stands 35 Charles, its doppelganger building where we made yet more friends and found family.

Inside these buildings, the diversity of the academy was on display as students from around the world packed into the towers. Coming home from school, the hallways always smelled of faraway homes.

Together, neighbours shared tips on how to get a library card and where to buy cheap fruits and vegetables. The building pulsed with the energy of students and their families as they tried to make functioning lives in Toronto. In our building's Free Room, we dug out the appliances and furniture from the homes of now-departed tenants to make our new home.

The change in our physical reality also came with big changes to our family reality. My mother's late nights and early mornings left my dad — a mathematician of towering intellect — as the cook and hairdresser of three girls. It is not his strongest domestic skill.

My sister was a regular torment. My father, the PhD student, would frequently tie her hair tightly and warn her not to loosen it. She'd return from school sans hair tie with a head full of playground sand.

The money for food, television, and six winter jackets came from my mother. In Kenya, her job as a senior education administrator included her own driver.

In Canada, she took the subway to job after job — homecare, book sales, worm-picking — where the only perk was taking home a paycheque. (Except for book sales, which occasionally netted a free novel or two for the shy, bookish, frequent-crier in her life a.k.a. me.)

She found jobs that were physically taxing and unthanking. She sought out the government programs that allowed us to thrive: Friends pointed her to a subsidized summer camp at the 519 Community Centre in Toronto's Gay Village. She reached to a community that fed us, located opportunities that entertained us and did the work that sustained us. While my dad's education was the reason we were in Canada, it was my mother's resourcefulness that allowed us to survive.

Our collective existence — the solid core of my world, my family — is due to my mom's fortitude. I was a child. To quote Robert Hayden, "What did I know of love's austere and lonely offices?"

That I know men can be pushed past their traditions and masculinity is because of my dad.

Those years seem really far away now. We've settled in. Now, when I return to Canada from travelling, it's like flopping onto a well-worn couch at home.

I hope, however, to never forget that my ease was put together by grit and adversity and all the things that make good life worthwhile. It was in those extraordinary days that we became an ordinary family — loving, selfless and united.

Vicky Mochama is Metro's national columnist. She appears every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Dawn of the *selfie drone*

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Now just make sure it gets your good side: The ROVA selfie drone is operated through an app on your phone that acts like a joystick. COURTESY IOT GROUP

TECHNOLOGY

Selfie-stick inventor is not so impressed by new gadgets

Genna Buck
Metro Canada

When selfie-stick mania hit, the tech scolds were out in full force.

"The Selfie Stick: Perfect accoutrement for the digital narcissist," Psychology Today screamed. "Why the selfie stick must die," whined CNN.com.

But selfie technology has moved on since the bad old days of early 2015. Sticks are passé. Selfie drones are where it's at.

Camera-equipped flying robots allow people to capture photos and videos from incredible angles previously impossible unless you had access to a helicopter. And they're getting lighter and cheaper, with Best Buy about to sell ROVA from Australia-based startup IoT Group for $399 in June. It's controlled by a smartphone app.

Could this really be the big tech craze of summer 2017?

One person who has quite a few thoughts about that is Wayne Fromm, the Canadian inventor of the selfie stick (trade name: Quick Pod). He said "picture taking as a pursuit is only going to grow."

But he sees the trend moving towards smaller, lighter and less obtrusive devices; the opposite of drones. He expects the many museums, events and public places that banned selfie sticks to take a hard line on drones too.

Fromm, who has also invented toys for Crayola and Disney and crafted the marketing campaign behind the '90s toy fad Crazy Bones, said he has a feel for which new products are going to take off and which won't — and he's not too enthusiastic about selfie drones.

"I'm a gadget guy. I love electronics. And I don't see it, for the average person," he said, adding there's "room for all sorts" of photography accessories in the market and he doesn't see drones encroaching on his business.

Kristen Thomasen, a University of Western Ontario law professor who focuses on the legal aspects of robots and drones, also isn't panicking about a drone-pocalypse.

"Will everybody at the Kentucky Derby have a drone? If that's ever going to happen, it's a long way off," she said.

"We're good at reining in technology as society. You can't just drive a car anywhere. I'm not as concerned that everybody is going to have a drone all over the place."

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10 sports stars for the ages

SPORTS

Canadian athletes make their mark in history books

Rhonda Riche

Canada has produced its share of sport superstars, but only a few have changed the rules of the game. Here's a list of the Great White North's greatest athletes.

1 Patrick Chan
A two-time Olympic silver medalist, three-time world champion and nine-time Canadian champion, Chan has stayed on top of the figure-skating scene for more than a decade and has wowed audiences and fellow competitors with his big jumps.

2 Shirley and Sharon Firth
As members of the first Canadian women's cross-country ski team at the Sapporo Olympics in 1972, twin sisters Shirley and Sharon Firth, members of the Gwich'in First Nation, were among the first Aboriginal athletes to represent Canada at the Olympics and the first to be inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

3 Nancy Greene
Greene won the first ever World Cup ski race in 1967 and took home the gold at the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France, in 1968. She also popularized the sport of downhill skiing through her schools. In 1999, Greene was named Canada's female athlete of the century.

4 Wayne Gretzky
His nickname, "The Great One," pretty much sums up Wayne Gretzky's career in hockey. Only one of his 61 records has been broken since he retired in 1999.

5 Clara Hughes
In the history of the Olympics, only four athletes have won medals in both the summer and winter games. Hughes is one of them, capturing bronze in Individual Road Race Cycling and Individual Time Trial Cycling (Atlanta, 1996) and 5,000 m Speed Skating (Salt Lake City, 2002).

6 Ferguson Jenkins
The Chicago Cubs' pitching legend Fergie Jenkins was the first Canadian to win the Cy Young Award, as well as the country's first baseball Hall of Fame member. In the off-season, he played basketball with the Harlem Globetrotters from 1967 to 1969.

7 Silken Laumann
In May 1992, just 10 weeks before the Olympic Games, rower Laumann was injured in a brutal rowing accident that left her right leg shattered. Twenty-seven days later, she made the greatest comeback in Canadian sports history, winning the bronze medal for Canada.

8 Tom Longboat
In the early 20th century, the Onondaga-Canadian was the dominant long-distance runner of the age. After winning the 1907 Boston Marathon, he became so popular that people bought tickets to watch him compete in indoor races.

9 Steve Nash
Eight-time NBA All-Star and two-time league MVP, Nash is considered one of the sport's greatest point guards. At the same time, he received the Order of Canada and the Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award for his community work with the Steve Nash Foundation, a charity aimed at helping "underserved children" in British Columbia and around the world.

10 Gilles and Jacques Villeneuve
This father and son team are Canada's most famous auto racers. While Gilles won only six events before his untimely death, his racing was legendary. Jacques has won a PPG Indy Car World Series Championship and Indianapolis 500 and is the only Canadian to have won a Formula One World Championship.

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Wall to wall

QUEBEC

Historic barrier built in 1600s still standing today

Sean Plummer

Quebec City's ramparts are an impressive reminder of Canada's past.

It was the French who started building the walls in 1608 to fortify Canada's main stronghold during its colonial period. The British then built them up even further after the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759.

Today, Quebec City remains the only walled city north of Mexico, and the ramparts are a popular tourist attraction.

Quebec City is the only walled city north of Mexico. ISTOCK

Brrrr, it's cold up here

In 1947 in the Yukon village of Snag, temperatures reached -63°C. ISTOCK

If you think Canada is cold now, you should have seen it 70 years ago.

On February 3, 1947, the Yukon village of Snag dropped to -63°C, Canada's lowest recorded temperature. That's as cold as the surface of Mars. And that was without the wind chill!

It was so cold that residents said their breath hissed and fell to the ground as white powder. Great White North indeed.

SEAN PLUMMER

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Started from the bottom

If he was just known for playing wheelchair-bound basketball star Jimmy Brooks on TV's *Degrassi: The Next Generation*, Aubrey Graham — a.k.a. Drake — would still be a Canadian icon.

But of course, the former Forest Hill resident has gone on to massive international success as a singer and rapper and has used that stardom to promote his hometown.

His 2016 album, Views, was one of a handful of records this decade to top the Billboard 200 for six straight weeks. He has also kept busy building up his OVO Sound record label, signing fellow Canadian acts dvsn and PartyNextDoor; launching his own clothing label; and being named the Toronto Raptors' global brand ambassador.

Then there are his catchphrases, which have caught on worldwide: YOLO ("you only live once") and, especially for Canadians, his rebranding of Toronto as "The Six."

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'It's a milestone year for us'

PRIDE WINNIPEG

March will run through city's iconic intersection

Shane Gibson

Pride Winnipeg runs from May 26 to June 4. BMAZURPHOTOGRAPHY

Pride Winnipeg is returning to its roots for the 30th anniversary of the city's first Pride Day march.

For the first time since that first march in 1987, this year's Pride Winnipeg parade will head down Portage Avenue, and run through the city's most iconic intersection — the corner of Portage and Main.

"It's a milestone year for us and the community has been requesting to go back to Portage and Main for quite some time," says Pride Winnipeg president, Jonathan Niemczak. "It's the same route taken by the original marchers and we figured it would be a good nod to 30 years ago if we could get the original route back."

Organizers hope the expanded and more prominent route — which will return to its regular route next year — will help to remind Winnipeggers that the original march put our city at the forefront of celebrating and advocating for the LGBTQ community, and give newer generations the chance to learn about the history of the Pride movement in Winnipeg.

The 2017 Pride Winnipeg Parade will kick off at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 4, following an hour-long rally at the Manitoba Legislative Building. The parade, and the thousands expected to take part, will head down Memorial Boulevard to Portage Avenue and then carry on through the downtown and past Portage and Main before ending near Pride Winnipeg's festival site at The Forks. The annual parade will put a cap on the 2017 Pride Winnipeg Festival, which starts May 26.

Niemczak says this year's schedule sees a record number of community events, with more than 40 planned throughout the 10-day celebration.

The two-day Pride Winnipeg Festival will return to The Forks June 3-4, with tons of on-stage entertainment planned for the festival stage and lots of refreshments on the ready at the Queer Beer Beverage Tent & Liquor Mart Patio.

For more information on everything planned over the 10 days check out the 30th Anniversary Pride Guide at pridewinnipeg.ca.

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INCLUSION

A theme to represent everyone

Pride Winnipeg says the theme chosen for this year's festival represents a shift in how open and inclusive the annual celebration of Winnipeg's LGBTQ community will be this year and going forward.

The theme, Resurgence: Taking Back Space, stems from discussions Pride's organizers have had with members of the Bisexual, Trans-Identified, Two-Spirit, Non-Binary, Queer and Queer People of Colour communities, who told them they don't feel the festival represents them or their experiences.

It's led to some big changes, says Pride Winnipeg president Jonathan Niemczak.

"There was this feeling that, Pride was just meant for white gay and lesbians individuals and a lot of other people didn't really see themselves in Pride," he says. "They just felt it was very much catered to one segment of the community, and the most privileged segment of the community at that.

"We knew that had to change."

Organizers decided to centre this year's theme on inclusion, and changes were made on the organizational side to make sure Pride's Governance Board Member includes positions designated for people from the groups

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that had felt excluded.

As well, the photos in Pride's promotional campaign for this year's festival are made up entirely of members of the excluded groups, and organizers started a Parade Grant program to provide free entry to a number of the groups who couldn't previously take part for financial reasons.

Pride has also set up a Resurgence Fund to provide financial support to community groups who would not otherwise be able to take part in Pride week.

That fund delivered $8,500 to 11 different events that will be a part of the festival this year, says Pride's vice president of governance, Darrel Nadeau, who has led the ongoing community consultations.

"This year is really about providing space to those groups and raising their concerns and their issues that they're still fighting for. It's an ongoing process that's going to carry on well after this year's festival." SHANE GIBSON

Festival's Grand Marshal honouring trans people

MURDERED AND MISSING WOMEN

Kelly Houle survived life on the streets to become an advocate in the LGBTQ community

Shane Gibson

Kelly Houle doesn't hesitate for a second when asked about the issue she wants to bring to the public's attention through her role as Grand Marshal of the 2017 Pride Winnipeg Festival.

"I want to honour the trans and two-spirit people that are not being mentioned in the inquiry into murdered and missing women," says the two-spirit activist who's worked tirelessly to help the city's sex trade workers since she herself got off the streets in 2005. "I've lost so many friends due to the sex trade, overdose and drugs, and through being murdered or missing.

"I'm trying to advocate on behalf of them."

Houle, now 49, lived on the streets of Winnipeg and was part of the city's sex trade for 26 years, starting when she was just 16 years old after surviving both verbal and sexual abuse at residential school.

She says she was able to leave the streets with help from New Direction's Transition, Education & Resources for Females program and Sage House, where she now works as an outreach worker with Mount Carmel Clinic helping to get others off the streets.

"I fought through and survived," says Houle, who adds her experience gives her a special trust with those still on the street. "They recognize me because I was out there with them and I was in their boots. They'll stop and talk to me and get whatever referrals or resources I have — they trust me."

Houle is a co-director of Sunshine House's Like That program, which gives marginalized LGBTQ people living on the streets a safe space to explore their gender and sexual identity. She's also a peer at 595 Prevention Team, and co-director of Two-Spirited People of Manitoba Inc.

Pride Winnipeg president Jonathan Niemczak says organizers received nine nominations this year for the role of Grand Marshal, but Houle's story and her work in the community put her at the top of the list.

"What stood out for us with Kelly is her life story, the struggles that she had to go through and where she is today," he says. "Despite all of the things she went through she continues to give back to the community.

"That's something that we wanted to recognize."

JINGLE DANCER

Houle is an accomplished traditional jingle dancer and was named the 18th International Two Spirit Princess. She'll be joining other International Two Spirit Princesses to take part in Pride's first ever Two-Spirit Powwow, starting at 1:30 p.m. on May 26 at The Forks.

Kelly Houle is the 2017 Pride Winnipeg Grand Marshal.
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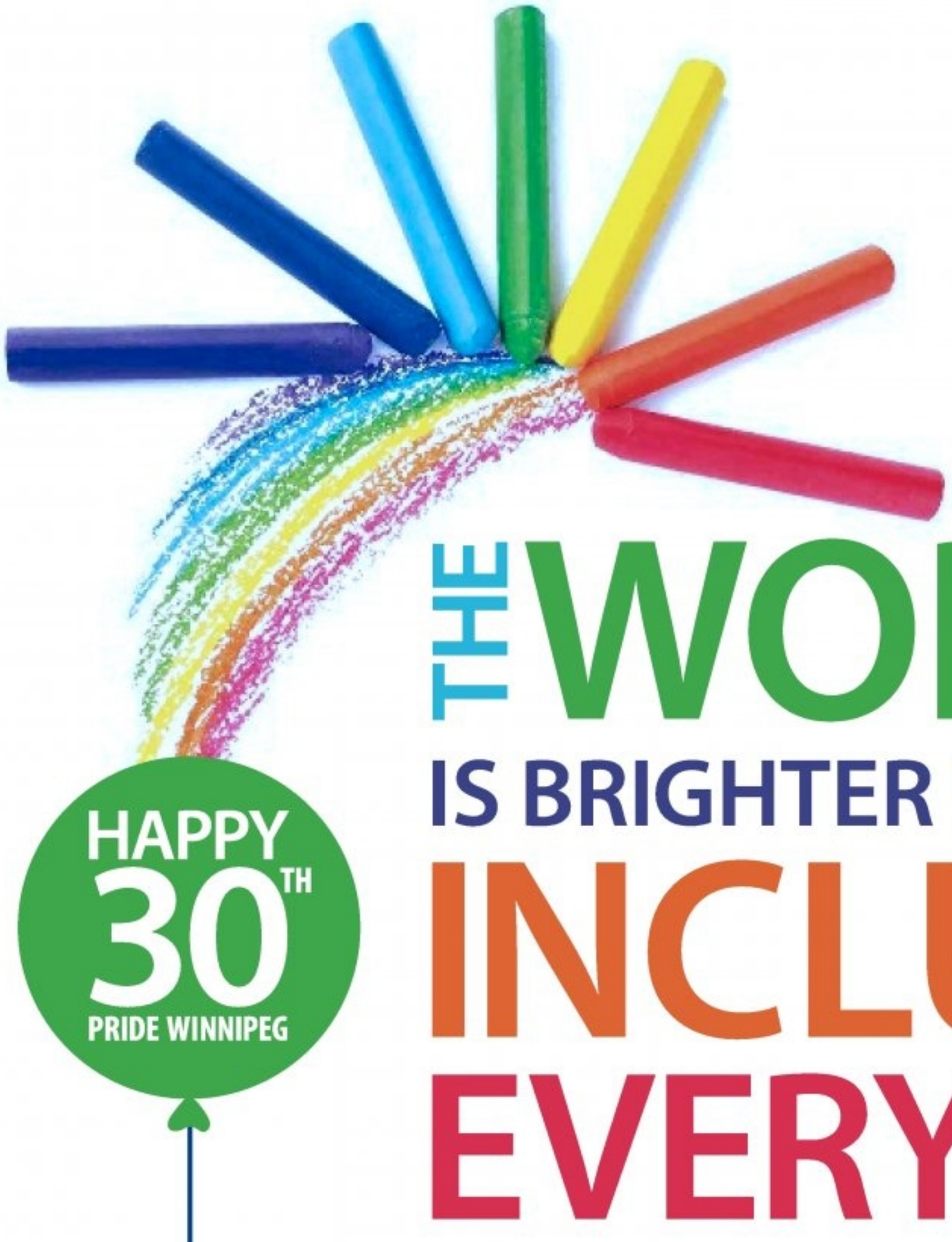

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A poster promoting Winnipeg's first annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Aug. 2, 1987. SHANE GIBSON

LIBERATION

Celebration marks legislative changes of time

Shane Gibson

Thousands of people will celebrate in the streets of downtown Winnipeg at this year's Pride Winnipeg Parade, but organizers of the inaugural march weren't quite sure whether the event would be a demonstration or a celebration as they planned the 1987 march that started it all.

That's because 30 years ago, as the first march was being organized, the Manitoba Government was considering legislation that, if enacted, would add sexual orientation to the province's human rights code and for the first time see the rights of gays and lesbians protected in Manitoba.

The mood of that first march swung in the balance, remembers Albert McLeod, one of the organizers.

"Either way it was going to be a reaction," says McLeod, who is now co-director of Two-Spirited People of Manitoba Inc. "Because the amendment did pass, it turned out to be a celebration — there was a kind of freedom and liberation energy to the atmosphere."

That first march — held Aug. 2, 1987, just a couple weeks after the government's vote — attracted roughly 200 people who gathered at Vimy Ridge Park before marching to the Legislative Building.

Martin Chochinov, another organizer of that first march, says the event came at a "pivotal point" for the city's gay and lesbian community. The year leading up to the legislative changes saw community members speak in front of government officials about their experiences at public hearings, and local activists had spent years advocating for the community, he says.

"It was very charged," remembers Chochinov, who now lives in Toronto. "There was a lot of urgency around issues like HIV/AIDS, the inclusion of sexual orientation into Manitoba's Human Rights Code, and for decades there had been work around violence against gay men and women.

And it wasn't easy for everyone, say both McLeod and Chochinov.

Some of those who came out did so anonymously, hiding their faces underneath paper bags.

"There were people who were scared of losing their jobs, being outed or even of violence," says McLeod. "We just didn't know how the public would react — it was a statement that people were publically coming out — and I think that was really new for Winnipeg."

Now, as Pride Winnipeg works to include the voices of groups who've felt left out in the past, Chochinov says the annual march through downtown is just as important as it was in 1987.

"The discussions around inclusiveness and who should be participating, those are really important discussions," he says. "We need to listen to the people who have concerns and are afraid and don't feel welcome — that work is always going to be there."

A rainbow of sweet treats

Be sure to leave some room for doughnuts at this year's Pride Winnipeg Festival.

While Oh Doughnuts is normally closed on Sundays, their doors at 326 Broadway will be open June 4 in honour of Pride, and for the second straight year the independent doughnut shop will be selling doughnuts made especially for the occasion. And you might want to get their early.

"We were blown away by how quickly we went through them last year," says Oh Doughnuts owner Amanda Kinden. "I don't know what exactly you'd call them — they were purple and pink — we thought they were silly but everybody really loved them."

Whatever you want to call them, the doughnuts were popular — Kinden estimates 1,200 of the golden rings of deliciousness went out the door last year during Pride — so she says the shop is getting ready early with even more Pride doughnuts this year.

"We'll do a rainbow icing, maybe some rainbow sprinkles in the shape of a flag," she says, adding the Pride doughnuts may even include a little rum this time around.

Yeah, that's right — rum and doughnuts.

"We've been having a lot of success with our morning cocktail themed doughnuts, so we might do something with that for Pride this year," she says explaining the shop's latest cocktail themed doughnuts — the Dark and Stormy with rum, ginger, and lime, and a new mojito glaze doughnut with rum, mint, and lime — have been an instant hit with her regular customers.

Oh Doughnuts is also partnering with Out TV to hand out free doughnuts to festival goers at the Pride Festival at The Forks throughout the weekend, and is part of a doughnut and yoga event (aptly called Donut Worry, Be Happy) being held at the Cube in the Exchange District starting at 9 a.m. June 3.

The shop is also a proud sponsor of Pride Winnipeg.

"Obviously Pride serves a really important purpose and we want to put our name out there and show our support," explains Kinden, who is lesbian and says roughly half of her staff identify as members of Winnipeg's LGBTQ community. "Everybody here is really excited — it's good for business and it's good for the community."

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Oh Doughnuts owner Amanda Kinden with a batch of the Pride themed doughnuts. SHANE GIBSON

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ENVIRONMENT

Building a strong case for less waste at Pride Winnipeg

Shane Gibson

Pride Winnipeg's new environmental sustainability coordinator, Sean Carlson, hit the ground running this year with a number of initiatives to make the festival as environmentally sustainable as possible. SHANE GIBSON

Pride Winnipeg is making a few small changes to its festival this year that will make a big impact on its environmental footprint, and the work is just the start of a plan that aims to make the annual celebration of Winnipeg's LGBTQ community as green as possible for years to come.

"I think everyone understands the importance of reducing your carbon footprint and festivals are notorious for the amount of waste they can create," says Pride Winnipeg president Jonathan Niemczak. "A lot of festivals have taken the lead on these initiatives, and we thought there was more we could be doing as well."

To help shrink the festival's environmental impact, Pride added an environmental sustainability coordinator earlier this year, and although he started on the job just a few months ahead of the event, Sean Carlson says he identified a few simple things that'll make a big difference in his first year.

For starters the festival will only use compostable cups in the beverage tent this year.

"The biggest thing I saw at first was the beverage tent — the cups," says Carlson. "If we can compost those cups, that's immediately a huge reduction in the amount of waste we're sending to the landfill."

Carlson estimates the move could keep as many as 6,000 cups out of other waste streams.

Pride Winnipeg will also use electric golf carts for transportation around the festival site this year and for getting around outside the festival site, they'll use only the most fuel-efficient vehicles driven in eco-mode to save as much fuel as possible.

Carlson also wants to make the festival more bike-friendly by including bicycle-based programming in the coming years, and he's starting this year by adding bike racks throughout the festival grounds.

But some of the biggest changes will happen behind the scenes this year, says Carlson.

All festival volunteers will go through sustainability training this year, and they'll be encouraged to share ideas about what can be done to make the festival greener going forward.

Carlson will also conduct a waste audit at the end of the festival to collect data to measure how the festival is already doing in its sustainability, and help decide what can be done to make improvements.

"This is going to be our baseline year in terms of a lot of those measurements," he says. "We want to get that momentum going for the future."

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The Sirius building in Sydney, Australia, has been fenced off while a court decides its fate.

Banishing *brutalism*

ARCHITECTURE

Last year the New York Times declared 'Brutalism is back', but this supposed renaissance hasn't slowed the demolition of landmark buildings created in this harsh, controversial style.

When an exposed concrete subway vault near the U.S. Capitol was painted white this spring, riders rejoiced at the brightened Washington Metro station. But some preservationists were unhappy, complaining that a "cardinal rule" of the Brutalist style was broken.

Brutalism, which got its name from a French word for raw concrete, has been sparking public battles ever since the architectural style flourished in the 1960s and '70s, spawning buildings from Boston to Belgrade.

Now, the era's aging structures are being called eyesores and slated for demolition in cities around the world. Or, as in Washington's Union Station, their austere features are being softened.

Death toll

The public's eagerness to get rid of Brutalist buildings has made their life expectancy short, compared with some older architectural styles. Structures headed for imminent demolition include an office building in York, England. A church in Atlanta was razed this spring, and the McKeldin Fountain near Baltimore's Inner Harbor disappeared this year. Structural problems can also hasten their death. Earthquake concerns in the San Francisco Bay Area doomed architect Mario Ciampi's landmark Berkeley Art Museum, which remains vacant and has been replaced with a new museum nearby.

A fond farewell

For all the Brutalist buildings that go down without a fight, a few get a loving farewell. In downtown Providence, kazoo-playing mourners held a funeral procession and gave eulogies as demolition crews prepared to tear down the John E. Fogarty Building, built as a government welfare office in the 1960s.

"It's not an easy style to like," said Marisa Angell Brown, an architectural historian at nearby Brown University who attended the funeral and co-wrote a mock obituary for the 49-year-old building. "We tend to prefer boring to ugly."

She said the "preservation community here didn't put up a huge fight to save it," but she will miss the building, especially if it's replaced by a bland hotel.

The owner of an Irish pub across the street disagrees. Murphy's bar proprietor Ruth Ferrazzano said its grim look would be more fitting in Soviet Russia.

Beauty in eyes of beholder

Not everyone thinks Brutalism is ugly. In Sydney, Australia, tenants of a public housing high-rise overlooking the harbour and the city's opera house have been fighting to protect the terraced building by getting it listed on a historical registry. A chain-link fence was erected as both sides await a court ruling that could decide its fate.

"True Brutalism is at once elegant and sexy," wrote a columnist defending the building in The Sydney Morning Herald last year. "It's a style that esteems strength and raw honesty, but especially as juxtaposed against the delicacy of glass, the sway and spike of nature, the play of light."

Politics of an esthetic

It's not an accident that Brutalist buildings are often public, from DC's forbidding FBI headquarters, which is likely fated for demolition, to housing complexes in Europe and college campuses, city halls and county administration offices throughout Canada and the U.S.

"A lot of them were sort of left-leaning, very progressive and interested in creating a new style that was in opposition to the high modernism that you saw on Park Avenue," Angell Brown said. "There was a feeling among these architects that government was a positive force in people's eyes. These were democratic institutions that would kind of lead the way in progressive ideals."

Ikea's intervention

There's hope for some Brutalist buildings, including a vacant office tower designed by famous architect Marcel Breuer that looms over Interstate 95 in New Haven, Conn.

The millions of motorists who have driven past the former tire company headquarters over the past decade know it mostly as a canvas for Ikea, which ties a huge banner ad from its roof to advertise chairs or desks sold at its adjacent store. But now Ikea, which owns the property, is allowing artists to use the building as a pop-up exhibit this summer and is entertaining proposals from developers who want to creatively refurbish the building.

"It can redefine the imagination of the city and maybe the whole New York region," said Matthew Nemerson, New Haven's economic development administrator. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2017 NHL PLAYOFFS
GAME 7 PREVIEW

Sens, Pens both have the belief they will move on to Cup final

The Ottawa Senators have had a knack for doing the unexpected this post-season. They'll need to do it one more time to advance to their first Stanley Cup final in a decade.

The Senators take on the defending champion Penguins in Pittsburgh on Thursday night in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final. The Senators are 0-5 all-time in Game 7s, tying them with the Arizona Coyotes for the worst record in all of North American pro sports.

But this team has repeatedly rebounded after being written off in these playoffs, most recently in this series. After losing back-to-back games to the Penguins, including an embarrassing 7-0 beating in Game 5, the Senators put forth one of their best efforts in Game 6 to take a 2-1 victory and force the deciding game.

Clarke MacArthur
GETTY IMAGES

"After we lost 7-0 I was talking to Dion Phaneuf and he was like 'We're going to get this series' and I was thinking the same thing and it's how do you think that after you lose 7-0?" said Ottawa forward Clarke MacArthur. "So we got one of the two and we have a job to do going into Game 7. "I believe in the group we have and I know when we play our game and if we're on we can beat any team in the league."

Unlike the Senators, who haven't played in a Game 7 since the 2012 Eastern Conference quarter-finals, the Penguins are in very familiar territory. They were in the exact same position a year ago as they faced the Tampa Bay Lightning in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final where they went on to win 2-1. Two weeks ago the Penguins eliminated the President Trophy-winning Washington Capitals in Game 7 with a 2-0 victory.

Not surprisingly, the Penguins see their familiarity with Game 7s as an advantage. "We've gone through this, we know what to expect," said Penguins forward Matt Cullen. "We have a comfort level with our plan."

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CASE AGAINST

The Penguins are 0-7 in Game 7s at home after losing Game 6 on the road.

IN BRIEF

Tiger Woods: 'I haven't felt this good in years'

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1 clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon chopped cilantro

Directions

1. In a medium bowl, roughly mash your avocados with a fork. Mix in the lime juice, edamame and salt. Then stir in the onion, garlic and cilantro. Taste and add more salt or cilantro depending on personal preference. You can also add a hit of Tabasco sauce if you like your guac with a little heat.

2. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, pressed down into the bowl against the guacamole (to prevent browning) and place it in the refrigerator. Chill for an hour and serve with your favourite chips or snack crackers.

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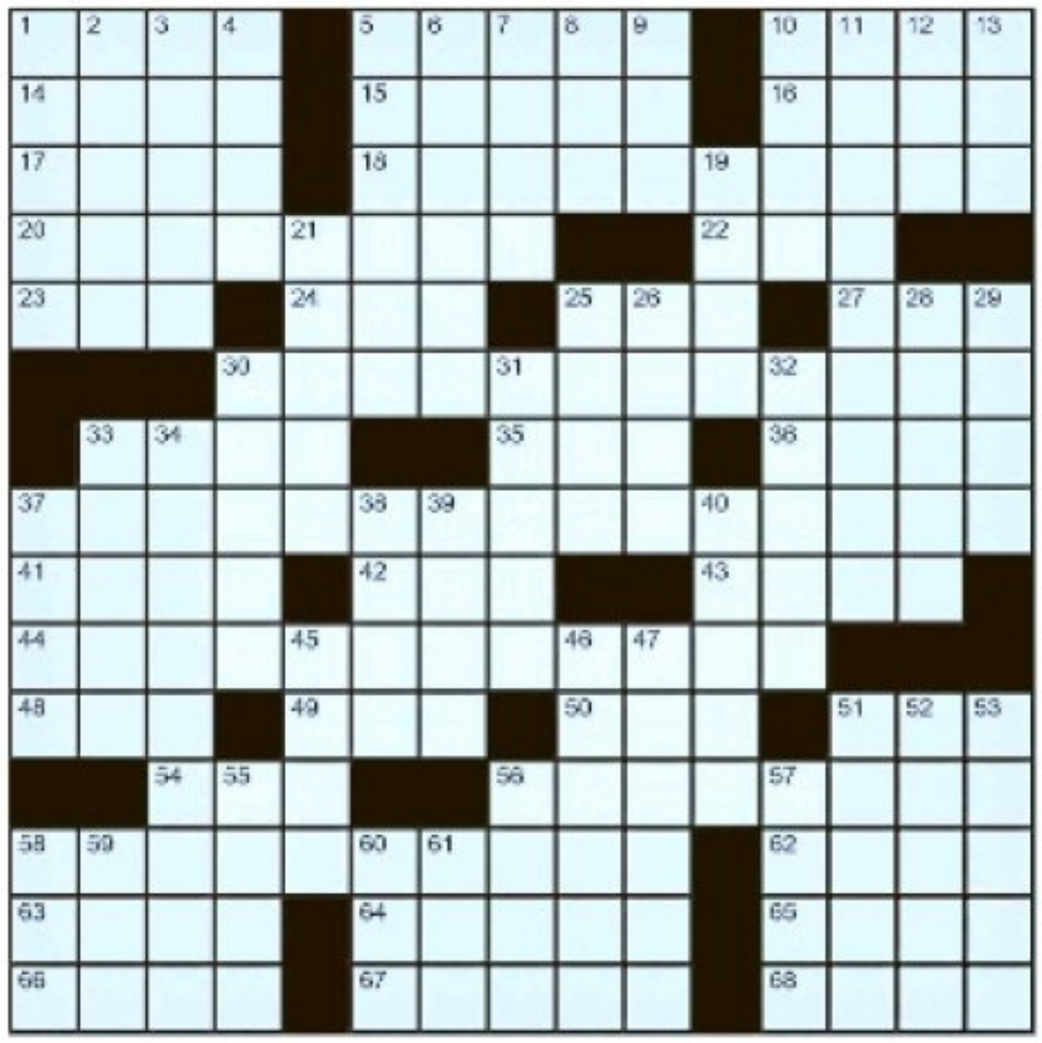

ACROSS
1. Talks
5. Soaked soil state
10. Isolated
14. Competent
15. Sleep _
16. Australian gem
17. Ms. Perlman
18. Competitors jump hurdles to get to them: 2 wds.
20. Tortilla chips brand
22. Have
23. Timecard abbrs.
24. "Give _ _ few days." (I'll get back to you)
25. CEO's degree
27. "Fee! _! Foe! Fum!"
30. Character in Peanuts, the comic brand which Halifax-based company DHX Media just purchased a majority stake in: 2 wds.
33. "_, _ is me!"
35. Baffin, e.g.
36. Port city of Algeria
37. The cute little yellow bird at #34-Down's perching spot: 2 wds.
41. "_, _ _" (That's fine then)
42. Ms. MacGraw
43. Ms. Stone
44. Cryptologists: 2 wds.
48. Ms. Tunstall, et al.
49. Ben-Hur author Mr. Wallace
50. Mr. Byrnes of "77 Sunset Strip"
51. Howe'er
54. Ms. Carrere
56. "That's the one to a T!" (Get that outfit!): 3 wds.
58. Crest or Colgate
62. Seasons for Mays, wee-ly
63. 701 in ancient Rome
64. Will, fancy-style
65. 'Luck' suffix (Most fortunate)
66. _ Fifth Avenue
67. Blackthorn fruits
68. Works with grass

DOWN
1. "Wayne's World" (1992) character
2. Really find repugnant
3. Sanctify
4. Musical chairs goal
5. "Goin' Gone" country singer Kathy
6. Tumult
7. Forensic IDs
8. Calendar ender [abbr.]
9. Wild ox
10. Marcus _ (MGM co-founder)
11. Free-for-all discussion: 2 wds.
12. Ms. Imbruglia, to pals
13. Chicago trains
19. Biblical land
21. "That's cool with me.", retro-style: 2 wds.
25. Fermented soybean paste
26. Brussels is its cap.
28. "_ _ _ Teenage Werewolf" (1957)
29. -ette cousin
30. "Twistin' the Night Away" by Sam _
31. PBS celebrity chef Ms. Bastianich
32. Hotel reservation-ees
33. How the washing machine is set maybe, temperature-wise: 2 wds.
34. Southwestern Ontario city; or, Peanuts character
37. Usual missing laundry item
38. Lively
39. Oodles
40. Works as a Collie
45. Ho-hum
46. Kitchen whistler
47. Henry Ford's son's cars
51. Blood type, e.g.: wd. + letter
52. _ _'oeuvre
53. Boots
55. Medical-style suffix
56. Golfer Mr. Aoki
57. 'Psych' suffix
58. QB's feats
59. Wood sorrel
60. Initials-sharers of Art Garfunkel's partner
61. Calder Cup org.

✷ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Examine your relationship with others today to see what needs to be changed. Relationships are never static and unchanging — it's quite the opposite.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Something going on behind the scenes concerns you today. You might have an urge to improve things, or at least stop something from getting worse.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You want to improve your relationships with a friend or a group today, but you might not be sure how to do this. Why not start by being friendly?

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You want improve the appearance of something that matters to you. This is why you want people to listen to your ideas.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You want a change of scenery, and will move heaven and earth to make this happen, because you are so restless for a change. Even a short trip will please you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Romantic relationships are passionate and intense today. Because the intensity is so strong, the relationships actually are quite fragile. Something might make your feelings snap. (They are not stable.)

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Tread carefully when dealing with partners and close friends today, because people are feeling intense. They might go off the deep end and do or say something they will later regret. This includes you as well.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have strong ideas about how to make improvements where you work. You also have strong ideas about how to improve your health.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You're determined to have fun today, and you want everyone to join you. Lighten up so that things can develop naturally.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A discussion with someone about how to improve your home will please you today. You have specific ideas you want to put into action, and you want to do that now.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Look around you and see what you can do to improve your daily environment. Any improvement is a step in the right direction.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It's possible that you will think of new ways to earn money, or perhaps you'll get a better-paying job. You might even see ways to make money on the side. Yay!

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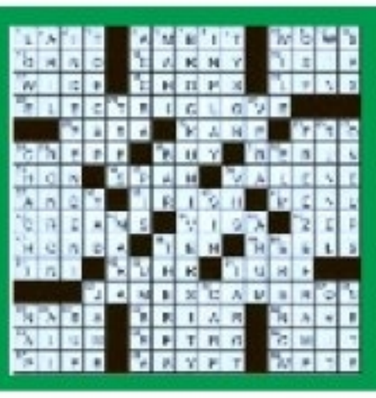

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